# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S.503

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Statement by Minor Admissible Evidence

# ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

# ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

#### **BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 503 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 17-23-175 which provides that an out-of-court statement made to a third party by a child victim or child witness is admissible in a general sessions court proceeding or delinquency proceeding in family court under certain conditions.

#### **EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Judicial Department indicates there will be a minimal fiscal impact to the General Fund of the State, which the agency can absorb at the current level of funding.

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Enactment would have no impact on local expenditures.

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

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